Growth target for FPIs

387. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government set a target of 8 per cent growth in the Tenth Five Year Plan for the food processing industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government are going to bring the National Food Processing Bill/the Processed Food Development Bill before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) While no target has been fixed, in a study got conducted recently by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries through National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) a growth rate of 10.1 per cent for food processing industries has been projected during the Tenth Five Year Plan in case the GDP grows at 8 per cent per annum.

(c) A Group of Ministers (GoM) to recommend an Integrated Food Law has been constituted by the Government, which has to consider, *inter-alia,* the draft National Food Processing Policy and the Processed Food Development Bill. Taking into consideration the various procedures involved, it is not possible to fix a definite time frame.

FDI in food processing industry sector

388. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given sanction to the proposals received for Foreign Direct Investment during March, 1998 to September, 2002 in the food processing industry sector;

(b) if so, the amount of total capital investment from these sanctioned proposals; and

(c) the actual capital investment made under these proposals so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) The Government has approved foreign investment of Rs. 1532 crores during the period March, 1998 to July 2002 in the various sectors of food processing.

As per Reserve Bank of India, the total inflow of foreign investment in the processed food sector during the period April, 1998 to March, 2002 is Rs. 1211 crores approximately.

Setting up of assistance to FPIs

389. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Food Processing Units set up/or financially assisted by Government throughout the country, State-wise;

(b) the total number of agriculturists benefited by those units, State-wise; and

(c) the details of proposed food processing units with the financially assistance of Government to be set up in our country in the near future, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI NT. SHANMUGAM): (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up food processing units on its own. The Ministry, however provides financial assistance through its plan schemes for the development of processed food sector including setting up of food processing units. During the Ninth Plan period, a total of 284 units were assisted in different States of the country.

(b) Setting up of food processing units benefit farmers/agriculturists in the form of increase in employment, value addition, enhanced and assured market, etc. However, specific details in this regard are not available.